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Students forced to move out

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uts living in this four-bedroom house two blocks from cam- rdered last week to cut down its occupancy from seven to e to comply with city zoning.

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When Joe Wilson bought a house near campus for his sons and their friends, the real estate company said he was obeying all Provo City zoning ordinances.

That information was wrong.

Wilson's sons Joe Jr. and Clint and their five roommates received notice last week that they had one week to cut down to three occupants in order to comply with a city ordinance.

"All the houses in the area are plenty big for more than three people," said Wilson's roommate Steve Anderson, 22, a junior from Sandy majoring in business management. "We even have four bedrooms, so it seems ridiculous to have it zoned that way."

Joe Jr. said because his house is two blocks from campus, the area should be rezoned to allow for student living. He also said the problem of scarcity needs to be solved.

"When me and my friends got off our missions over the summer, it was impossible to find a place where all of us could live together," he said.

"That's why my parents bought us a house."

The Student Advisory Council is looking for solutions to off-campus housing problems. SAC formed the Select Committee on Off-Campus Housing last fall to deal with student complaints.

The committee interim report listed scarcity, high cost and violations of behavior and facility standards as major housing problems.

The committee plans to refine the interim report and soon present an official report to university administrators.

Although committee chair Erika Sanofsky understands SAC cannot interfere with city matters, she said her primary goal is to work with the BYU administration to solve housing problems.

"It's the students who are being affected," Sanofsky said. "When Alton Wade (vice president of student life) requested that we address student complaints about off-campus housing, I thought it would be impossible. But I've been surprised at how workable some of our solutions might be."

The report includes a suggestion to remove the requirement that BYU students live in university-approved housing.

Sanofsky is quick to point out that the intent of this suggestion is not to force students to "fend for themselves."

"We would keep BYU-approved housing, but students wouldn't have to live there," she said. "We would place more emphasis on helping bishops rather than expecting landlords to enforce the honor code."

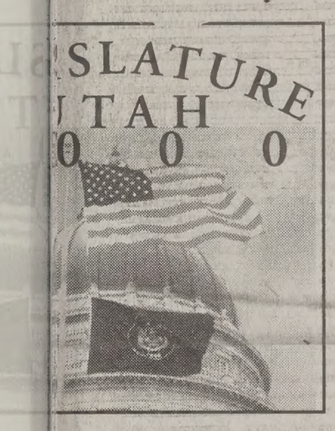
According to the committee's report, removing the requirement would "open the large reservoirs of housing in Utah Valley currently inaccessible to BYU students" and also cause BYU-approved rent to fall "by introducing more competition into the market."

The committee plans to research the accuracy of its predictions.

"We need to take a look at how much other housing there is in the valley, how much it costs, and if it is housing the students will live in," said committee member David Bargatze, 24, a law school student from Summerville, S.C.

In the meantime, students like Joe Wilson are forced to wait.

"I think the city really is fair about it, but the best thing they could do is update the laws," he said.



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New light rail running at full capacity

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With an average ridership of just under 26,000 passengers per day, the Salt Lake City light rail is handling 85 percent more riders than anticipated, according to the Utah Transit Authority.

The estimated number of riders was projected to be only 14,000, said Kris McBride, public relations specialist for the UTA.

Most people are using the transit system to go to work downtown or shop, McBride said. The train is especially crowded during special events at the Delta Center, he said.

"We're doing everything we can to buy more trains or expand the UTA parking lots," McBride said.

McBride also said he expectd a decrease in the number of passengers and a leveling off once the novelty of the new system ends.

But for now, the UTA is still seeing a high number of riders.

Besides the unanticipated number of riders, the light rail has exceeded expectations in other areas. The original completion date was set for March, but the light rail was able to launch its grand opening on Dec. 4, 1999.

The light rail was also completed $10 million dollars under the original estimated price of $312.5 million, McBride said.

McBride said the UTA received complaints from surrounding businesses during construction. But since the completion, some business owners say the light rail is boosting business.

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Ethan Scott/Daily Universe

A young boy peers from the window of a moving rail car during the light rail's grand opening Dec. 4 in Salt Lake City.

Supreme Court deliberates grandparents' right to visit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court wrestled with a dispute over grandparents' right to see their grandchildren even when the parents object, an emotional issue that could touch every American family.

Questions and comments from the bench made clear a majority of the justices hold grave doubts about a broadly worded Washington state law that allowed visitation rights whenever doing so was found to be in a child's best interest.

The court is being asked to decide whether parents' constitutional right to raise children without government interference trumps the Washington law that allows "any person," relative or nonrelative, to petition a court at any time for visitation rights.

The state's highest court struck down the law in late 1998, saying it violated fit parents' "fundamental right" to rear families as they choose. A decision by the nation's highest court is expected by late June.

Early in Wednesday's 60-minute argument session, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist noted past rulings that "give parents the right to decide how the kids are going to be brought up, who they're going to see."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor called the Washington law "breathtakingly broad," noting that "anyone can march in" and seek visitation rights to any child.

And Justice Antonin Scalia suggested, "It would be in the best interest of many children to take them away from their parents and give them to someone else. But the parents have rights."

Justices Stephen G. Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg also questioned the Washington law.

But Breyer and Souter also acknowledged the "special relationship" between some grandparents and grandchildren.

Justice John Paul Stevens repeatedly voiced concern about grandparents being cut off from their grandchildren by parents who exercise an "absolute veto."

"The court should balance all interests," contended Seattle lawyer Mark Olson, who represents grandparents who want to spend more time with their two young granddaughters.

Catherine Smith, a Seattle lawyer representing the girls' mother, argued that parents make decisions for children as long as those decisions do not put children at risk.

All 50 states have laws allowing grandparents to seek court-ordered visitation after a divorce or under other circumstances.

A survey released last week by AARP, the American Association of Retired Persons, found about one in nine American grandparents above the age of 50 helps care for at least one grandchild.

The survey showed that 8 percent provide day care regularly, and 3 percent function as parents rearing a grandchild.

The Washington court's decision wiped out an Anacortes, Wash., couple's legal right to see their two granddaughters.

Students help Californians vote on gay union initiative

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Some members of BYUSA are asking students to voice their opinions on the Californian initiative against gay marriage.

The proposal at hand, introduced by California Sen. Pete Knight, would prohibit and not recognize same-sex marriages in the state of California.

Jean Wooley, BYUSA communications service representative, said the group, several members of BYUSA's leasership, want to make it easier for California students to register to vote.

Through the use of registration points, students can fill out forms the group will then send to California.

"We are trying to help students take a stand on a moral issue," Wooley said.

Last Fall more than 5,000 students enrolled at BYU were from California, making up 15.8 percent of BYU students.

The group plans to send in the registration slips by Jan. 31, Wooley said.

The absentee ballots will then be sent to registered students, which must arrive in California by Feb. 29. The voting for the initiative will is March 7.

Melinda Osterhout, 20, a junior from California, majoring in community health, expressed her support of the group.

"It's a big deal in California, and I think that it's a good way to inform students," Osterhout said.

Because BYU and BYUSA do not endorse political persons or causes, the group is only helping students to register to vote as they wish.

Some difficulties arose for the group because of the university's position in maintaining political objectivity.

The members of BYUSA are looking for different ways to inform the students without the help or endorsement of BYU.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Study says U.S. population will double

WASHINGTON — A century from now there will be twice as many Americans as today, the Census Bureau predicts.

While no one knows what daily life will be like in 100 years, the new population projections being issued Thursday conjure images of twice as many cars jostling for position on the highways and twice as many shoppers crowding the aisles at Wal-Mart.

From an estimated 275 million people today, the bureau projects a U.S. population of 571 million in the year 2100. That might not seem terribly crowded, however, because the nation is so sprawling.

"If you look at the density for the United States, we are not even coming close to the densities that you see in Europe," said Census statistician Tammany J. Mulder.

Court rules police can stop 'runners'

WASHINGTON — Police, sometimes at least, can stop and question people because they ran at the sight of a police officer, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

In a 5-4 decision, the justices said police had enough reason to stop a Chicago man who ran after spotting officers in an area known for narcotics trafficking.

"Nervous, evasive behavior is a pertinent factor in determining reasonable suspicion" to justify a stop, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court. "Headlong flight — wherever it occurs — is the consummate act of evasion.

"Allowing officers confronted with such flight to stop the fugitive and investigate further is quite consistent with the individual's right to go about his business or to stay put and remain silent in the face of police questioning," Rehnquist said.

New evidence links border arrests

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Telephone records show ties between a Canadian woman arrested at a remote Vermont border crossing last month and two Algerians linked to an alleged bomb plot in Washington state, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Court documents filed in advance of Wednesday's bail hearing for Lucia Garofalo drew connections for the first time between her and Abdel Ghani and Ahmed Ressam.

Garofalo's attorney said the links were tenuous and did not prove she was part of a conspiracy.

Prosecutors claimed they had found more evidence of Garofalo's activities in an Algerian terrorist organization.

"Telephone toll records establish an additional recent link between Garofalo and associates of Ahmed Ressam," the prosecutors said.

Bus collision in Brazil kills 40 tourists

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A bus carrying Argentine tourists burst into flames Wednesday when it crashed head-on into another bus in southeastern Brazil, killing at least 40 people and injuring another 40, police said.

The accident occurred in the early morning hours on a fog-shrouded mountain highway near the town of Pouso Redondo, 340 miles southwest of Sao Paulo in the state of Santa Catarina.

"The crash was so strong that the Argentine bus exploded into a ball of fire after falling over on one of its sides," Federal Highway Police officer Ivan Robson Flores said.

Forty people were killed and "there are unconfirmed reports that another 20 tourists were burned to death," Flores said.

The bus carrying the Argentine tourists was apparently speeding down a hill when it smashed into the other bus, which was on a regular inter-city route, he said.

Weather

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Yesterday	.28"
Month to date	4.17"
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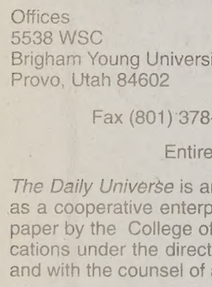
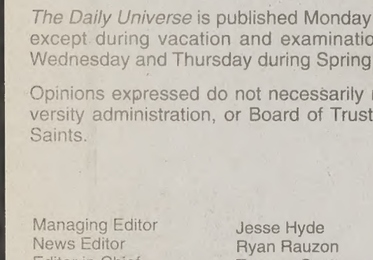


Scripture of the Day

"Look unto me in every thought; doubt not, fear not."

— *Doctrine and Covenants 6:36*



Star Sederstron, said she likes this scripture because "it is short and simple. It tells you exactly what to do in any situation — trust in the Lord." Sederstron, is an elementary education major from Woodbury, Minn.

Two skiers die in avalanche near Park City

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Two backcountry skiers were killed after being caught in an avalanche near The Canyons resort north of Park City.

A spokeswoman at the resort said the couple was reported missing Tuesday night. The bodies were found Wednesday in a backcountry area near the resort, said Kim Peterson. They were buried in deep snow, Peterson said.

The victims' names have not yet been released, but the Summit County Sheriff's office said earlier Wednesday that officers were looking for a 47-year-old man and a 41-year-old woman.

The Utah medical examiner was working to positively identify them, and police were notifying relatives.

Television station KUTV reported that the couple were married and that the man was wearing an avalanche locator beacon and had other safety equipment with him. The beacon's signal apparently was too weak to be of any help to searchers, the station reported.

The two were reported missing after they failed to pick up their child from a day care center, Peterson said.

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Lynnette Fisk, owner of Lynnette's Birkenstock, said her store has received over a 50 percent increase in revenue this year.

"I attribute that to the light rail," Fisk said.

Other businesses have not been as successful. Several stores along Main Street went bankrupt when the street was closed for five months of construction.

"We've lost some phenomenal neighbors," Fisk said.

Tony Weller, owner of Sam Weller's Books, managed to stay in business during the construction, but said the store is still trying to recover.

"The business is better than it was during construction, but we still have not returned to the level we were at before," Weller said.

Weller said the store has picked up some new customers because of the light rail.

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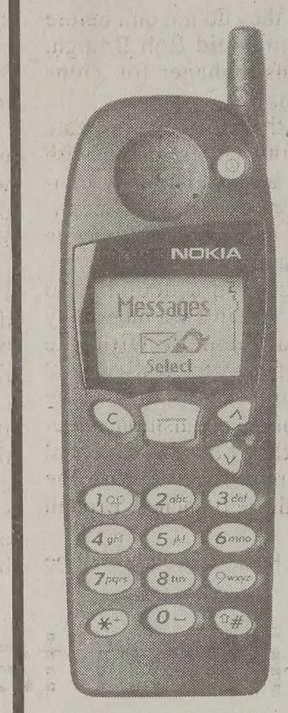

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Donald, assistant vice information technology id the university already 's services for local net- any departments on cam- d JustOn could make a positive contribution to President Merrill J. Bateman's goal of extending the blessings of BYU to individuals throughout the world.

"Technology that enables users to access information across the Web could help foster the concept that BYU's learning activities could be accessible around the world," McDonald said.

Todd Wilson, manager of authoring and programming at BYU's Center for Instructional Design, explained the concept behind JustOn's hosted Internet services.

"What Novell has done is to leverage its existing expertise in local networking services and expand that expertise to the Internet," he said.

Wilson said traditionally, people working on a local network save files to a server. Co-workers can then access the files through the server.

"The trend now is for people to start moving functions typically done on a local network to the Internet," Wilson said.

First Security merger promises job security

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When Utah's two largest independent banks, Zions Bancorporation and First Security Corporation, merge this year, layoffs will not be part of the transaction.

Employees of both banks will have jobs as long as they do not quit before the deal happens, said Rob Brough, public relations manager for Zions Bancorporation.

Brough said the merger will create the nation's 20th largest bank, with $40 billion in assets. The new conglomerate will retain the First Security Corporation name and will operate in 10 western states.

The banks signed a decision to merge in June and in December they reached an agreement with the Department of Justice to divest 60 branches, mainly Zions offices, in Utah. As part of the acquisition agreement, banks that buy the divested branches are required to retain the employees of those branches, Brough said.

"Employees know that they will be offered employment, but they don't know who the new employers are," Brough said.

Brough also said employee pay is required to remain the same, but benefits will be based on the acquiring banks' benefits package. He said all divested branches will be auctioned off in the near future.

Despite being guaranteed a job and equal pay, some employees are still concerned. In Spanish Fork, First Security and Zions branches are within two blocks of each other.

"Spanish Fork is the only town where at least one of the branches will not be sold," said Kathy Brandon, manager of First Security's Spanish Fork office.

"All employees are concerned, and I'm concerned for them," said Brandon, speaking about the Spanish Fork branch. Brandon said she is not worried about her own job.

Jackelin Slack, a representative from First Security's communications office, said that in branch and corporate offices for both companies, some employees have requested severance. Those who have done so have been given a work-through date.

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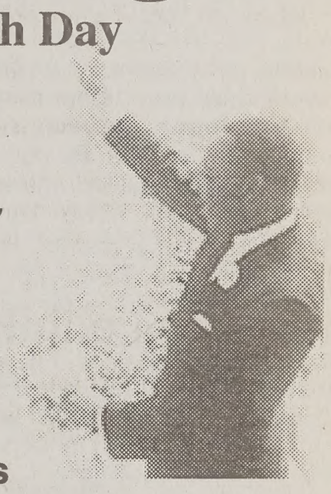

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nton proposes $21 billion tax plan

Associated Press

TON — President Clinton entered the battle over taxes Wednesday with a lan to combat poverty by expanding low-income people.

scribed the initiative as part of a "new genda" that he will unveil in his Jan. he Union address to Congress. The am is designed to help all Americans lation's growing prosperity.

rst time in my lifetime," Clinton said, new century with greater prosperity, greater social progress, greater national self-confidence; with the absence of an internal crisis or an external threat that could derail our further forward movement."

Clinton, in a speech to the Democratic Leadership Council, announced he will seek an expansion of the earned-income tax credit, costing $21 billion over 10 years. The measure could help Vice President Al Gore answer initiatives of former Sen. Bill Bradley, his rival for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Bradley has proposed expanding the tax credit for low-wage workers as part of a $9.8 billion "wholesale rescue effort" for the poor.

Clinton's initiative would require approval by an election-minded Congress, where Republicans and Democrats are deeply divided over the size and shape of any tax cuts.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the credit always has enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress. But, he added, "Taxpayers might question spending billions more on a program that the IRS says already wastes close to $6.5 billion each year — or about one dollar out of every five — because of fraud and mistakes."

no upholds Gonzalez's return

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TON — Attorney Gen- no upheld a decision giv- f Elian Gonzalez to his Wednesday and said any that ruling must come in than state court.

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stion of who may speak old child in applying for r asylum is a matter of migration law," Reno question of who speaks "remains one of federal, ."

for the family visited Reno here last week to press their argument that she overrule the INS decision.

Reno said she was unaware of a basis for reversing that decision, and added that the federal ruling "may be challenged, if at all, only in federal court. We are prepared to litigate in that forum."

Reno wrote that the INS had decided that its Jan. 14 deadline for turning the boy over for return to Cuba "should be extended to accommodate any federal court proceedings."

Reno appealed for a quick resolution. "It is my strong hope that we can work together to resolve this child's status as soon as possible."

Miami-Dade County Circuit Judge Rosa Rodriguez ruled Monday that the boy, who is the subject of an international custody battle between his relatives in the United States and Cuba, should remain in this country until March 6.

Rodriguez's ruling was designed to give her court time to hear arguments from Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle, who is seeking temporary custody. It defied an INS order to send the boy to Cuba by Friday to live with his father.

Rodriguez said Tuesday her link to the boy's family spokesman did not require her to remove herself from the case.

On Tuesday, some were asking whether past business ties between Rodriguez and Gutierrez, the spokesman for Elian's relatives in Miami, could have influenced the judge's decision.

Gutierrez said he earned $10,000 as a political consultant for Rodriguez during her 1998 election campaign. State records show the judge's campaign also paid $53,446.22 to his wife, Maritza, for services provided by her company, Creative Ideas Advertising.

Bernard Perlmutter, director of the University of Miami's Children and Youth Law Clinic, said the judge should have disclosed her relationship with Gutierrez.

"There was an appearance of impropriety and it should have been a basis for her to recuse herself from the case," Perlmutter said.

Also Tuesday, attorneys for the boy's U.S. relatives re-filed a request seeking political asylum for Elian.

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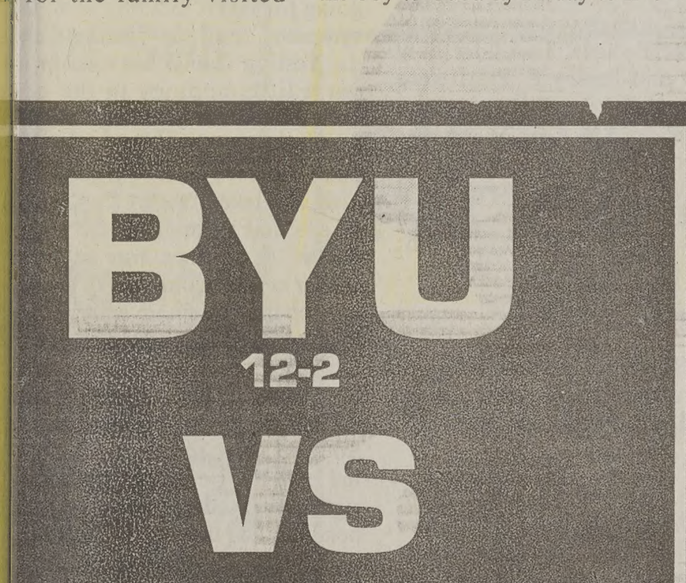

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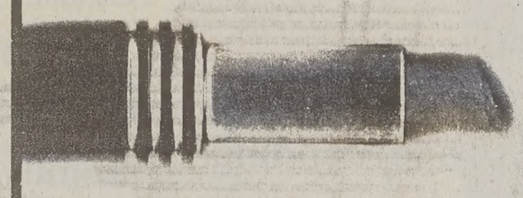

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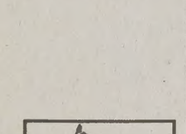

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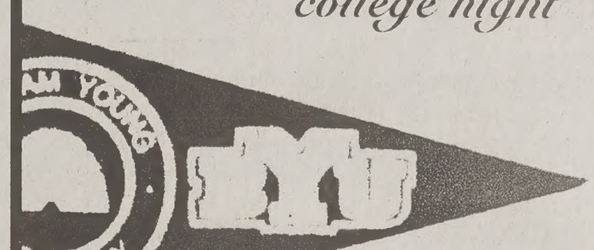

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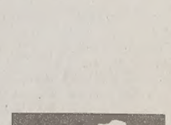

The Daily Universe
OPINION

Blessing in disguise

Monday's merger of entertainment giant Time Warner with information outlet AOL has garnered mixed reactions. While stockholders grin over the jump in the price of Time Warner stock over the weekend, many see the merger as a battle between the freedom of information and the domination of power — a battle that may seem a hard one to win.

With the combination of two large and influential corporations, it is feared that the more information is processed through a single entity, the more it will be controlled and even possibly, suppressed. While consumers should never fail to question the information and issues fed to them through any venue, this recent union should result in the greater dissemination of information to a greater number of people through the broadening of resources.

The age of the Internet is in full swing. Ten years ago, the term "information superhighway" was hardly recognized among the American public. Personal and business "dot coms" are popping up on the World Wide Web faster than the click of a mouse. The Internet has become so mainstream in social culture hat anyone can be a distributor of information. The merger between Time Warner and AOL gives Time Warner yet another way to reach the public. Time Warner is composed of information-gathering and distributing organizations including Time magazine, Sports Illustrated, People, CNN, HBO, Warner Bros. and others. AOL, on the other hand, is primarily concerned with the access and distribution of information. By merging the two successful corporations, Time Warner is utilizing another powerful venue for the dissemination of its information through the Internet. This logical union of resources will inform an even larger audience than resources currently allow.

Although more people will have the opportunity to receive the information, the circulation is still under the jurisdiction of a single corporation. This merger is undoubtedly a mixed blessing, but this is where the consumers step in. It is their responsibility to not allow a possible monopoly of information.

When distribution of news increases, knowledge and awareness increase. A more knowledgeable population has power to question the issues presented through information. Consumers should never stop questioning the information they receive through broadcast and print media and over the Internet. It is the questioning of that information which stimulates public conversation and government legislation – two characteristics vital to the survival and vitality of a democracy.

Because of the broadened information distribution opportunity, consumers should view the Time Warner and AOL merger as a reminder to actively question issues, but overall, they should look at it as more of a victory than defeat.

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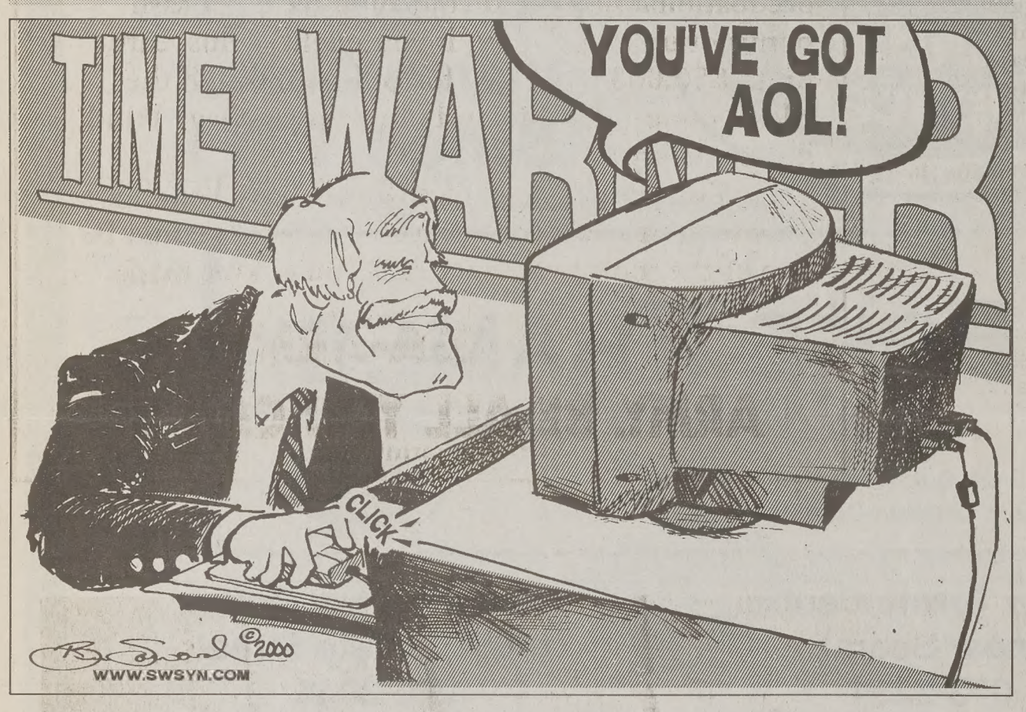

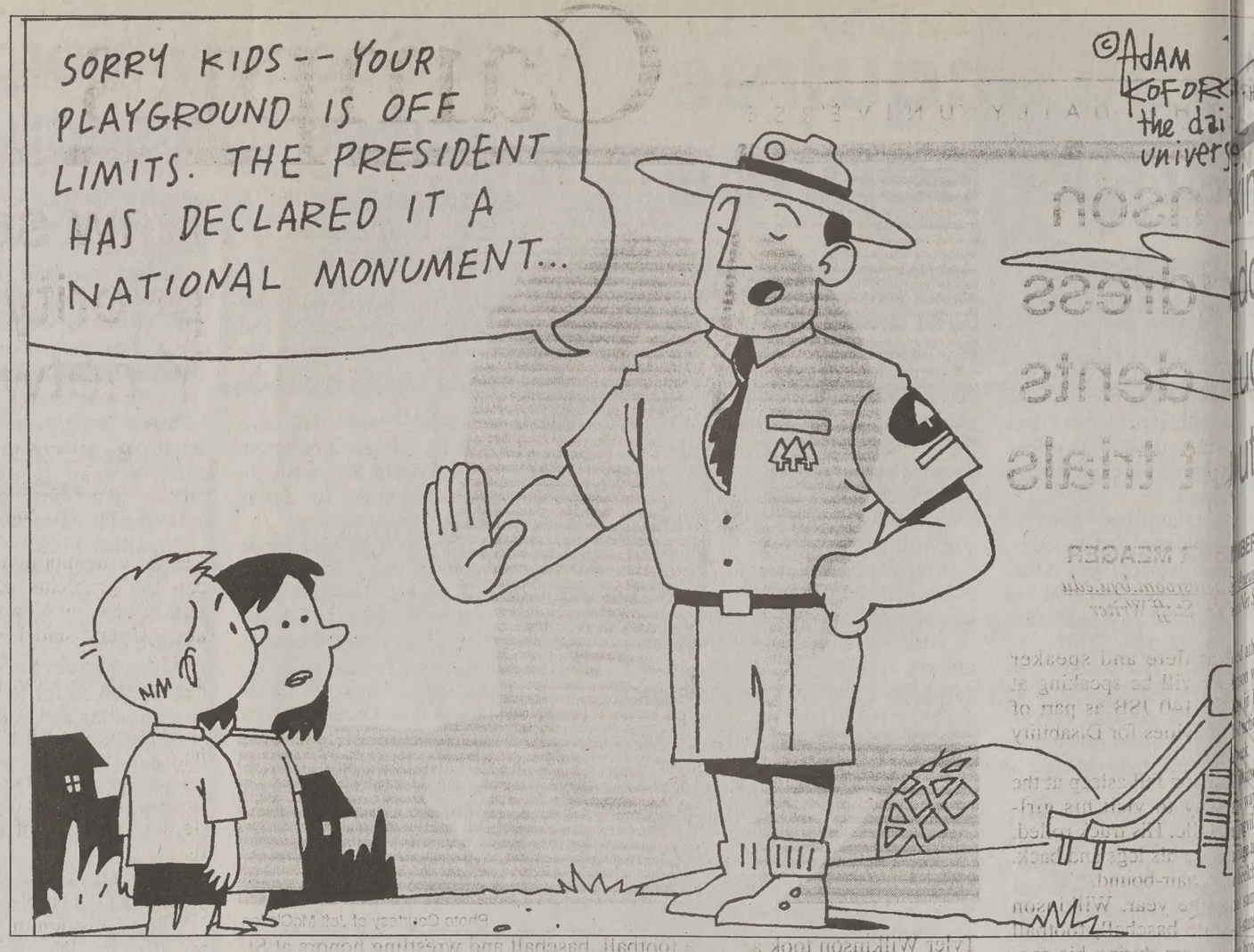
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Readers' Forum

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Center's focus to teach

Dear Editor:

Reading the letter "Lessons in Grammar" made me realize a few things about the campus-wide perception of the Writing Center and the role writing tutors play in the writing process. The Center does not exist to "fix" grammatical errors. Those who believe that 1010 JKHB is a place to have an error-ridden paper magically transformed into something marvelous are sorely mistaken.

As tutors in the Center, we are here to help students improve their writing, focusing on organizational concerns and the thought process that must precede intelligent writing.

Students who brings a C+ paper in to get it tidied up to B level are not only robbing themselves of a potentially helpful Writing Center experience, but are robbing the tutor's time and energy.

What makes for a positive experience is a student who has intelligently written a paper that he/she is proud to have worked on and who is willing to hear constructive criticism and to brainstorm with a trained and informed tutor. But it takes hard work, much like the work we as tutors put in there in the basement of the JKHB.

Roy Turner
New Park, Pa.

Play the whole hymn

Dear Editor:

We find the music of the bells on campus to be inspiring and beautiful. There is one thing, however, that we would like to see remedied. "Come, Come Ye Saints" is a particularly singable melody, yet all is lost after "all is well." When we hear this hymn being played, we often sing along, but when we are about to delve into the next line, we are rudely interrupted by a cold, unfeeling chorus of bongs. We would appreciate it if just once a day the entire song could be played, so with joy we can wend our way.

Andrea Ludwig
Lake Mary, Fla.

Catherine Beal
Seattle

Isaac Patterson
Alpine

Stop condescending

Dear Editor:

I recently read the article concerning the influence that attendance at a church-owned school can bring. As a parent, nothing would please me more than to have my daughter attend BYU. However, while she is very talented in the visual arts, her overall academic scores are not high enough to gain admittance to what is rapidly becoming a very prestigious university. It appears that if you are not in the top echelon academically, you must content yourself with attending LDS Institute in hopes of re-creating the BYU experience.

I realize that the tone of this letter smacks of sour grapes. Nonetheless, I felt compelled to write and express my dismay at the elitist tone of the article. While it is certainly more challenging to maintain a high level of spirituality at a non-LDS school, perhaps we should pose the question, "What happens to BYU graduates when they have to leave the happy valley and venture out into the real world?" After having lived my entire life in the mission field, I have seen far too many people leave Provo and Orem only to find that it is too difficult to live where they are the minority and their beliefs are challenged on all sides.

Instead of making students that do not attend BYU or Ricks feel as though they are endangering their salvation by attending other schools, why not look for the success stories in those students? They are the ones that are really facing the challenges and having to "hold to the rod" in the face of adversity.

Tammy J. Lanius
Lewisville, Texas

More team spirit

Dear Editor:

Has anyone ever watched basketball games played in Michigan or Arizona, or been to a football game in Texas or Nebraska? Sometimes it makes me sad to watch the incredible amount of support for the athletic programs of other universities and then go to a BYU game where the fans get there late, leave early, and can't even stand on their feet for a few hours.

I don't know if some things will ever change this, but now that basketball season is here and BYU is actually pretty exciting to watch, I wonder if it would be possible to change a few things that go on at games. First of all, students need to come. Second, maybe someone could do the world a favor and paint those ugly yellow seats blue. Also the student section should be closer to the floor where the fans can be more effective and create a greater home court advantage.

Martin McAllister
Vancouver, Wash.

Merchandising wrong

Dear Editor:

The other day I went into a store at the University Mall. There I saw the sales people wearing store nametags that mimicked missionary tags. Micahel McLean posters were on the walls. On the counter-top was an ad for cookies that promised delivery to missionaries all around the earth. Also featured were many faith-promoting shirts and books.

I often wonder when the LDS culture picked up an innate sense of tackiness and an eagerness to make a buck off sacred things. I wonder what possesses people with such a strong testimony of the gospel to have scriptural people such as Helaman cartooned and put on T-shirts with all his stripling warriors so that like a herd of cows, with no depth to our understanding, we can pay $15 to look spiritual. The image of Christ is engraved on our countenance, not on our T-shirts. I wonder how Wilford Woodruff and Parley P. Pratt were successful missionaries without a cookie delivery service and an "RULDS2?" sticker slapped on their horses' rear.

I would like to meet someone who in moral crisis looked at that iron on their key chain and said, "Today I will grab hold!" Not because they don't exist, but because they do.

Jason Bonham
Lake Forest, Calif.

Family class not needed

Dear Editor:

In response to the writer who desires a family relations class requirement for graduation, I do not think it is necessary. She asked where are we to turn to help us maintain strong marriages and families. I plan to turn to God and the scriptures, my parents and church leaders to help me in marriage.

A family-relations class will not make or break a marriage. For thousands of years men and women have built strong marriages and families without the aid of a marriage preparation or family relations class; we know of many in our church and the scriptures.

The secret to a successful marriage is commitment to God and spouse. This secret is not best taught in a classroom. We learn this in our families, our church and through example. We learn so much more outside of the classroom than inside. Let us learn from those around us. We will find that they know a lot more than any family relations professor.

Tara McKnight
Fort Worth, Texas

How to lose your

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Andrea Landaker
IT Services

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Dave Ashby
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Jared C. Rosenberg
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Viewpoint

A call to serve

By
Eric Perry and
Sharon Varga
BYUSA president and
vice president

Welcome back to a new semester! By now you've heard enough hype about the new millennium and the turning of the century, so we'll trust that you had a happy new year and leave it at that. We are excited, however, that a new semester is here; it is a time to renew our resolve to pursue goals and better ourselves. That is what new beginnings are all about — having new experiences and finding opportunities for self-actualization and personal development.

Every year thousands of BYU students find some of those opportunities through BYUSA, the student service association. As BYU's student body organization, BYUSA plays several major roles on campus and enables students to serve other students and the campus community at large.

First, BYUSA acts as a student voice to the administration. Through the Student Advisory Council, BYUSA collects student input on campus issues and makes recommendations to university administrators that appreciate knowing student opinions.

Second, BYUSA programs activities that serve students. Annual events like Spring Fling have drawn crowds in excess of 20,000 students for the last couple years. BYUSA also organizes traditional events like Homecoming and Preference dances.

Third, tens of thousands of service hours are contributed by BYUSA volunteers each year working in 30 community service programs. BYUSA has recently teamed with the Jacobsen Center for Service and Learning to provide workspace for each of those programs. Directors for the various programs can be reached through the Jacobsen Center in 2010 WSC (378-8686). Opportunities for service through those programs range from work with children to work with the elderly and mentally challenged.

We would state very clearly that BYUSA does not claim to hold a monopoly on service or extra-curricular involvement at BYU. There are literally hundreds of valuable experiences to be had through other student organizations and programs. Our advice to students is to find their passion and get involved in what interests them. Those who have been involved in anything meaningful to them will tell you that getting involved has enriched their experience at BYU.

"Education of the heart is the heart of education," Hugh B. Brown said. Only part of what students gain at BYU comes from classes. The friendships and relationships we develop, along with feelings of fulfillment and satisfaction that come from being a part of something, will be the things that we will remember most about time spent here.

In order to help students find out more about what BYUSA is and does, and to allow students to check out volunteer opportunities, BYUSA will be hosting a four-day volunteer open house between Jan. 24 and Jan. 27.

Come by the Student Leadership Offices in 3400 WSC between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on those days to meet other BYUSA volunteers and see if there is anything you would like to get involved in. For more information, call Liz Emery, BYUSA's director of involvement, at 378-3901.

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Net Staff Writer

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raduated from college and married his high school girlfriend. The Wilkinsons now have a child together. The short film, "Tyler, A Real Hero," tells of his story and his struggles. It is being shown at student disability booths around campus this week.

"It is always good to hear other people's perspectives, especially someone who knows what it is like in and outside of a wheelchair," said Adam Clark, a senior from Elk Ridge, Utah County, majoring in geography. He said he plans to attend Wilkinson's speech Thursday.

"A person with that kind of experience can help others that don't know what it is like," Clark said.

Having Wilkinson speak at a forum would be better, said Nicole Kent, a senior from Lake Isabella, Calif., majoring in English. Kent has muscular dystrophy.

"If more students were going and knew about it, they would actually listen," Kent said.

Photo Courtesy of Jeff McClellan

Tyler Wilkinson took all-state football, baseball and wrestling honors at St. George's Dixie High School before a car accident rendered him wheelchair-bound in 1992. Wilkinson will speak at 11 a.m. today in 140 JSB.

s of service to honor King

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he program, volunteers roughout the community to participate in multiple service activities.

Some projects include decorating preschool classrooms, visiting retirement homes, and working with the Utah Historical Society and March of Dimes.

High said her committee's goal is to have 400 volunteers volunteering at 25-30 sites in the community.

Monday is a day intended to bring people of different cultures and races together in appreciation and service, as King himself did.

"You always hear Congress came up with the holiday, but you never realize the other part was a day of service," said project historian Kelli Barbour, 18, a microbiology and German major from Folsom, Calif.

In 1994, Congress passed an act designating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a day of service.

Since then people from all over the country have used the holiday to serve others.

It was the local lack of knowledge about, or participation in, the holiday's service-oriented aspect that drove High to organize a local day of service at BYU.

High modeled the Community Outreach Day after a similar activity she was involved with at the University of South Carolina during Martin Luther King, Jr. Day last year.

Knowing BYU did not offer a service opportunity during the holiday, High set out to gain support for her plan.

She has been going full-speed ever since.

"This program has the power and potential to change lives as we turn this into an annual event — increasing diversity, awareness and, most importantly, following the example of our Savior," High said in her proposal to BYUSA.

Organizers hope this opportunity to serve will increase the unity among different backgrounds and cultures at BYU.

"Martin Luther King worked to advance the cause of freedom and unity; that's what service is all about," High said.

The Community Outreach Day's events are free and open to the public. Transportation will be provided to and from the service sites, courtesy of BYUSA.

New server priority for Y network

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BYU is attempting to curb Route Y capacity problems with the acquisition of new, more powerful and reliable servers, said Kelly McDonald, executive director of Information Technology Services at BYU.

Route Y, BYU's student online service, was down last week due to heavy traffic.

The slow service created problems for students and faculty trying to battle the beginning of semester online rush.

Obtaining new servers could be a solution to the problem.

"The acquisition of new servers are top priority. We are making major adjustments such that performance problems won't continue," McDonald said.

But acquiring new servers may not solve the whole problem. Computing capacity and speed could still be major issues.

BYU's main problem can be traced to Route Y's immense growth.

Last semester, BYU consolidated many online services, making Route Y in more demand and causing capacity problems for university servers.

"Anytime you try to funnel all information services through one access point, then you're going to have problems, especially when over 10,000 students try to login at the same time," said Sharon Boyle, computer support representative for BYU's English Department.

A network outage on Jan. 5 and heavy traffic also aggravated the problem, McDonald said.

"We anticipated increased demand, but we didn't expect it would be as great as it was," McDonald said.

Joseph Palmer, a junior from Sitka, Alaska, majoring in computer engineering is frustrated by Route Y's inaccessibility.

"Route Y is a major interface for all university communication and information. If they are going to have that kind of traffic, they need to rent servers or supply the resources necessary to meet the demand," Palmer said.

Class helps foreigners get driver's licenses

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Foreign students and other adults are being assisted in their pursuit to get Utah licenses by way of driver's education courses being offered through the university.

The class begins today and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 16 at 9 a.m. for one hour in 231 Richards Building.

"There are quite a few foreign students who don't have a drivers license, and it is very difficult in other countries to get licenses. Many foreign students prize their driver's license as they would their college degree," said Paul Coon, assistant professor of health sciences, and specializing in teacher education.

"In Singapore it is not necessary to learn how to drive because there are buses, taxis and trains that can take you around to any part of the country," said Susan Teh, a junior from Singapore, majoring in film.

"I could use this course because in Utah there is bad public transportation, even just going to the grocery store," Teh said.

The course provides extensive behind-the-wheel training and meets the Utah State requirements for an approved driver's education course.

"It provides a service for a lot of students, because we charge a minimum amount of money and students get a maximum amount of time behind the wheel," Coon said.

"Anyone that is old enough to drive in the community is welcome to take the course," said Karen Pingel, program assistant for Conferences and Workshops.

Approximately 99 percent of students that are registered for the class are foreign students, Pingel said.

Tuition for the class is $150. For registration or more information, call Conferences and Workshops at (801) 378-4851.

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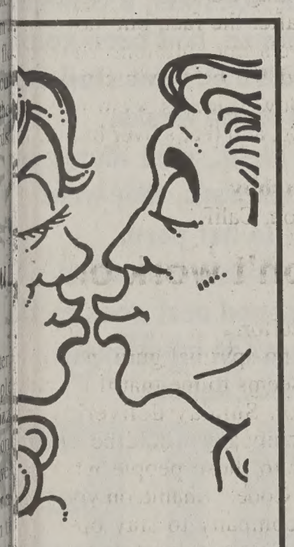

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RA applications still accepted

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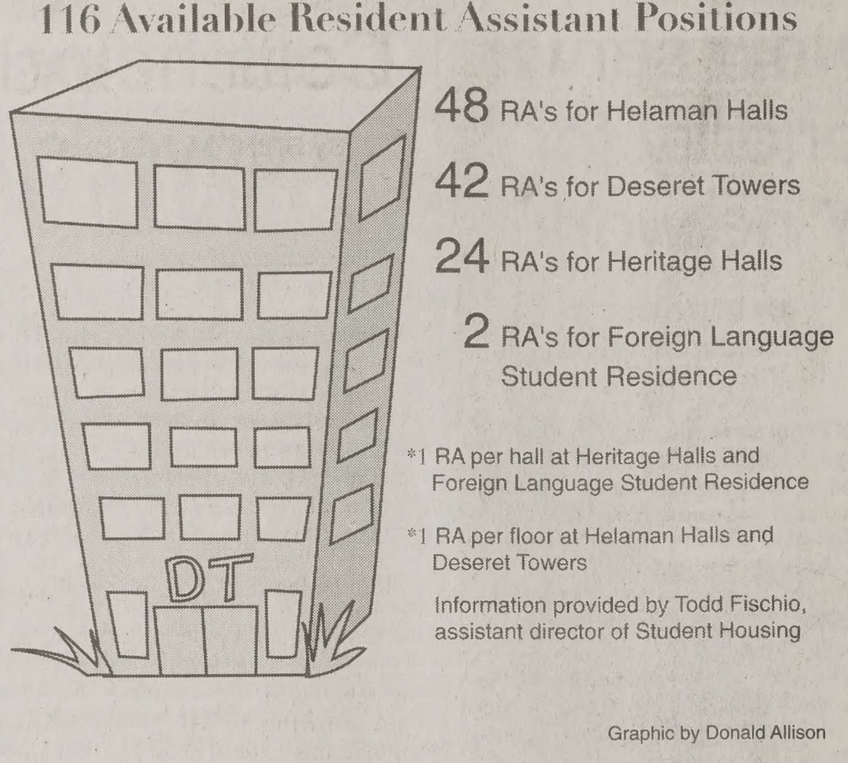
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*1 RA per floor at Helaman Halls and Deseret Towers
Information provided by Todd Fischio, assistant director of Student Housing
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Graphic by Donald Allison

The deadline for the resident assis-ınt job applications was Monday, ut on-campus housing administra-ors are still allowing students who ant apply for a position to send in sumes

Helaman Halls, Deseret Towers nd Heritage Halls are attempting to eep the applicant pool open.

Two hundred and forty applicants ade the Monday deadline. Todd ischio, assistant director of student ousing, said it is estimated that the umber will increase to somewhere etween 280 to 300 before the 116 ositions are filled.

RA positions have a high turnover ate each year. The position requires e RAs to make extensive sacri-ces.

"There are a lot of challenges. You eally need to think it through. It is a t more involved than what people xpect," Fischio said.

Future applicants are enticed to the osition by several benefits.

"RAs actually receive a scholar-ip. Their compensation includes om and board and a modest cash ward," Fischio said.

Responsibilities of RAs are numer-us, but the focus is on helping stu-ents feel integrated in the BYU xperience, he said.

"RAs make informal visits with esidents. They help students feel elcomed and wanted. They are a reat resource," Fischio said.

Alisa Izu, a sophomore from San ose, Calif., majoring in math, said she is dedicated to the women on her floor.

"Just knowing you are someone for them to talk to is fulfilling," Izu said.

Students who are interested in being a RA can receive an application from the front desks at the Morris Center, Cannon Center, or the Heritage Halls Central Building.

In addition to these locations, students can download the application and receive other information from www.byu.edu/housing/onc/RA.

Students who are leaving on missions can also apply.

"We have a pre-mission application. It allows us to keep these students up to date and assures them that their application will be reviewed when returning home," Fischio said.

After the initial review of applications, twice a panel of hall advisers will interview students before the positions are filled by the end of February.

"The first best thing about being a RA is that it is a really good scholarship. The second best thing is that I get to help a lot of guys prepare for their missions," said Lincoln Wright, an RA in Deseret Towers.

Upgrade may cause power outages in Talmage bldg.

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While Y2K did not disturb the BYU community, an electrical upgrade to the Talmage building may not run as smoothly.

"This upgrade to the Talmage building should be a one time thing," said Bob Rhoades, assistant director of utilities engineering and maintenance.

Power outages may occur for roughly a two-hour interval early Saturday morning as the Physical Plant removes the old power transformers.

The power systems will then be switched to a temporary power source for the remainder of the weekend.

"The power should be back on by approximately 7 a.m.," said Blair Warner, director of customer service at Information Technology Services.

The power and networks will be out again approximately late Sunday evening to early Monday morning as the new power transformers are being connected.

Due to the replacement of a power transformer to the Talmage building, students may be unable to access networks such as Route Y, AIM, on-campus housing systems, and various other campus networks this weekend.

"The servers and networks will be powered down in a controlled manner in order to prevent any loss of information currently saved within these systems," Warner said.

Y students crea sports fan Web s

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Three BYU students embarked on a business venture, creating a Web site for sports fans to interact and discuss college football and basketball, the NFL and the NBA.

Maintained by Nathan Miskin, Clark Fuller and Alan Shanklin, the site has been on-line and running since Monday.

But they are not the only BYU students to do this.

Don Livingstone, the director for the Center of Entrepreneurship, said many students have started Internet businesses — many of which have been successful.

Livingstone said he warns students to make sure they are prepared before they begin any Internet business.

"Internet business takes more than just a little sweat at the beginning," Livingstone said. "You need to get good resources."

Shanklin, 28, a masters student from Baltimore County, Md., majoring in accounting, said their concept is solid because they have a good subject and respond to what the users want.

"One of the real favorable aspects of our site is that it's larg based," said Miskin, 26, a student from Idaho Fall majoring in information s think people will respond to

At http://www.usmackt people can voice their opini pre-game predictions and d aftermath.

"The idea is to make it a gathering site where peop and get feedback," said Fu senior from Fairbanks, Alas ing in business.

The site also displays u game scores, and TV listin to announce upcoming game

Created by Miskin and a f idea was inspired after BY to Marshall at the Motor Cit

Miskin said they needed vent their frustrations. Now site gives others a chance same, he said.

Scott Smith, a professor ing at the Marriott School o ment, said creating Web always been popular with However, he said it is hard t competitive Web site.

While it is difficult to be tive, Smith said many of th in his classes have succeede

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On-campus housing for all classes

By SARA GILES
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Henry Carter hates his housing.

Every morning he wakes up to icy vater streaming down his face.

Every night he fights for a parking pace in his apartment complex.

Combined with his other five oommates, they pay approximately ,1,325 for this privilege.

Carter, 21, a sophomore from acoma, Wash., majoring in micro-iology, had to make an important ecision after returning from his nission -- where to live.

Sometimes students get the bad nd of the deal.

While Carter's situation is xtreme, there are significant prob-ems and differences in BYU hous-ng.

One of the most crucial decisions a tudent must make is where to live.

As freshmen, students are strongly dvised to live on campus for social s well as financial reasons.

"We definitely recommend fresh-nen to live on campus freshmen ear to develop friendship," said ngela Flake, accounts specialist for n-campus housing.

Upper-class students are not as nclined to live in the on-campus housing because of the age the housing tends to attract.

Along with the age concern, one student expressed concern over curfew in the dorms.

"If I wanted a curfew, I'd move back home," said Cori Bonet, 22, a senior from Tehachapi, Calif., majoring in public relations.

What some upperclassmen and returning on-campus students do not know is that the on-campus housing office has started offering incentives to convince students to return to the dorms. They range from free computers to $500 off the rent to upperclassmen-only floors.

Even with all the incentives, there are fewer than 5,000 students living on campus with the rest of the student population living off campus or in non-approved housing that has been waived.

The lure of off-campus is in the freedom of curfews and the separation from campus. However, in off-campus living, there are concerns that have risen over the practices of some apartment complexes.

"They find anything they can to charge us on. Its not like we don't do our cleaning jobs. If they find one tiny crumb, they make us pay through the nose," said Kevin Thorpe, 21, a sophomore from Sacramento, Calif., majoring in psychology.

Students feel that because they are such a huge part of Provo life, they should not have such problems with housing and parking. Students are the last people who have money to spend, said Carrie Oscarson, 25, a junior from Houston, Tex., majoring in interior design.

"We put so much into Provo. We pay so much and help business. We should be getting some slack on the rent and excessive charges. Instead, we are totally being taken advantage of," Oscarson said.

John Pace, manager of the off-campus housing office, said he recommends students act when they think they are having problems with their landlords.

"When there are complaints for BYU students, we will help the student. We will require the landlords to get in compliance with university standards. The landlord is also required to use the BYU approved contract that provides protection for students — protectants that are usually not found in any other rental contacts," Pace said.

The decision on where to live is strongly based on personal preference and what an individual is looking for as well as legal considerations of the University's support.

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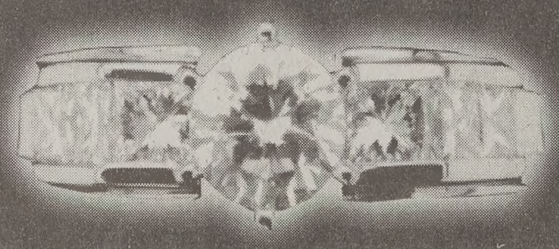

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Disability Awareness y Story," which has been or the blind, will be show-Varsity Theatre on Friday 30 p.m. The movie is free es complementary drinks n.

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New Age-classical composer and pianist Jon Schmidt displays his famous habit of playing the piano upside-down. Schmidt will be performing today and Friday in the WSC Grand Ballroom.

Wacky pianist to entertain Y

By NATE MATHIS
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He defines entertainment by playing the piano upside-down and back flipping off the stage. His crazy sense of humor and amusing antics have helped to develop a reputation for his music.

Jon Schmidt, a New Age-classical composer and pianist will be performing in the Grand Ballroom of the WSC today and Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Schmidt is quickly becoming a household name in the Salt Lake area.

He consistently performs to sold-out audiences in major venues along the Wasatch Front.

Schmidt, a graduate from the University of Utah, majored in English. He also wanted to get a degree in business because he did not think a career in music was practical.

"I didn't think I could feed my family and still do something that I love, but it has worked out for eight years," Schmidt said.

Schmidt is a husband and father of four, including twin boys.

"One of my twin boys learned how to put something in the microwave. It was my watch," Schmidt, said.

Aside from keeping track of his children, Schmidt has found time to record four albums, publish two volumes of his work, earn a Pearl award and give live performances all over the nation.

"I like working with him because he is very dynamic and very easy to get along with," Schmidt's agent, Craig Coleby said. "The way he is on stage is the way he is in life — goofy comedy. He is entertainment."

"Two words describe Jon's music: energizing and inspirational," said Terry Haas, vice president of Novell.

Schmidt said he is thankful for the talents he has been given and he has tried to use them for the benefit of others.

"It's all about making others happy. That is what our gifts are for," Schmidt said.

Tickets for Schmidt's concert are on sale in the 3326B WSC, 378-3121. Tickets will be $7 or $5 with student ID.

Celtic band comes to Y

By BRINTON WILKINS
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The Utah-based performing group Shanahy will offer an evening of Celtic music Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall.

The evening's performance will include a blend of traditional ballads, reels, waltzes and strathspreys, as well as original pieces, band member Paul Mitchell said.

Shanahy consists of four musicians playing traditional Celtic instruments such as warpipes, fiddles, bodhran, and hammered dulcimer.

"Celtic music is the soul-music of the people from the British Isles," Mitchell said.

According to Mitchell, Celtic music has experienced an upswing in popularity.

"The rediscovery has been trig gered by Hollywood," he said "They plug Celtic music in man movies and it's been well received.

"Titanic," "Braveheart" and "Ro Roy" have been key in the music rising popularity, Mitchell said.

"Our goal as a group is to have good time and hope that the aud ence gets drawn into that," Mitche said. "It's just great music."

Shanahy was formed in 1994 Since then it has become a popula performing group throughout Utah Mitchell said.

The name of the group is the nam given historically in the British Isle to the person who preserved tradi tions and lore, he said.

Shanahy will perform Saturday a 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recita Hall HFAC. Tickets cost $10 with $2 student discount at the HFA ticket office.

Today's Events

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Today's events

"Voices from the Gallery," an interpretation of famous artwork performed by the Utah Symphony, will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $14 to $29. For info call (801) 355-ARTS (2787). Maurice Abravenel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City.

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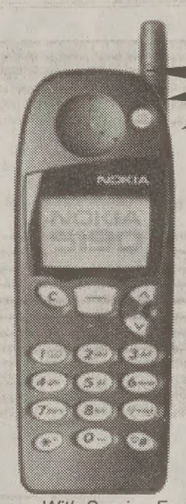

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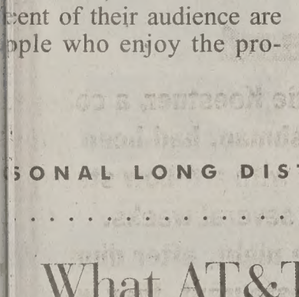

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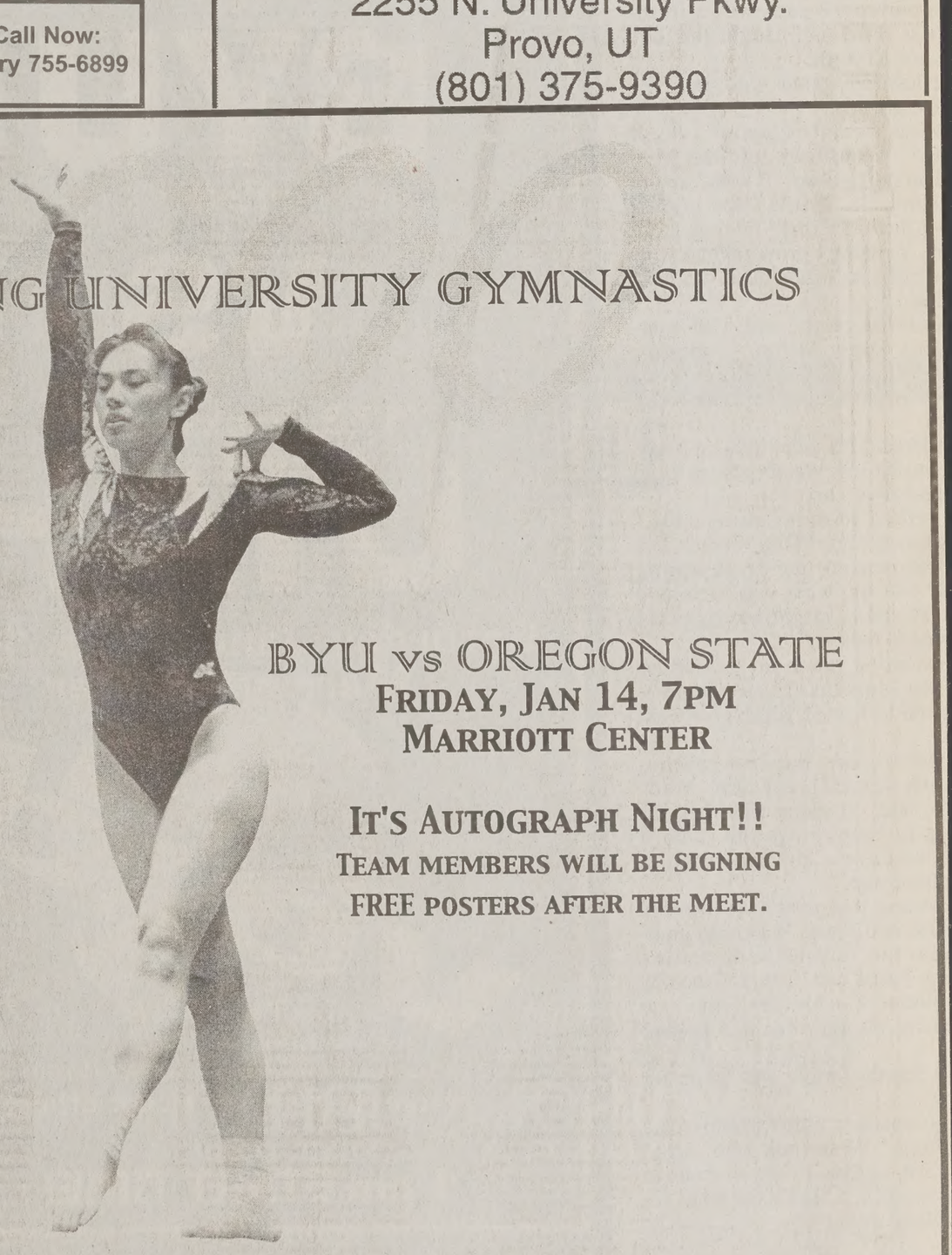
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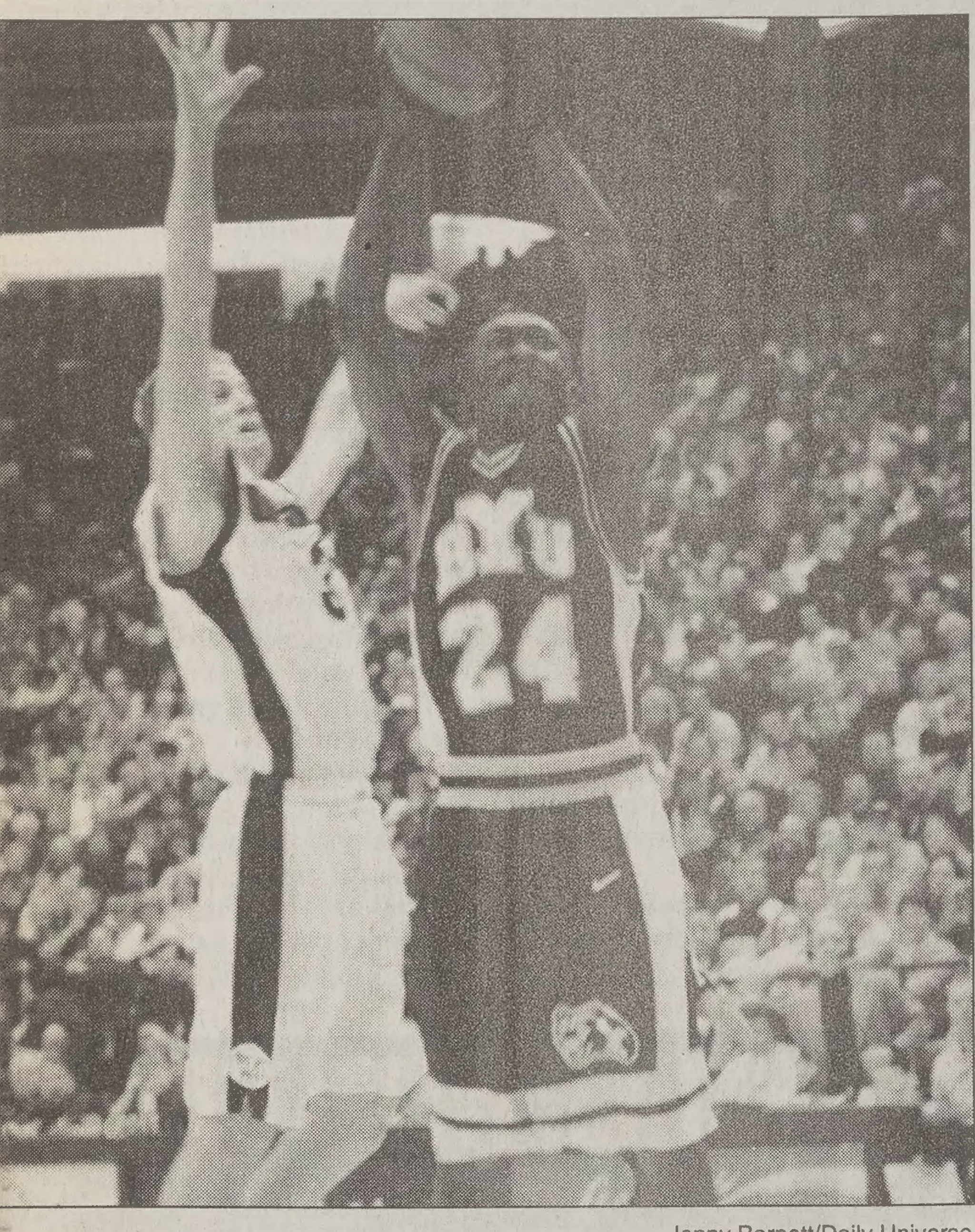

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U's Terrell Lyday takes a jumper around a Utah State defender urday. Lyday has given BYU a boost, averaging 18 points per game.

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Want to know Terrell Lyday's secret?

Take a number.

Some of his own teammates are already in line, begging the question: Just how *has* he done it?

How has he averaged 27 points over the past three games, shouldering a game-saving role that has piggybacked the Cougars into a made-for-ESPN Saturday showdown with Utah?

"I'm curious to find out myself," point guard Matt Montague said before practice Wednesday.

The answer? Well, even Lyday is not totally sure.

"I don't know," the junior guard from Fresno, Calif., said with a grin. "Before I was looking to pass. Now I'm looking to score."

And score he has: 22 points against UC-Irvine, 35 against Utah State and another 30 on Monday versus UNLV.

What's next?

"I don't think we can expect Terrell to come out night after night and score 35 points," guard Todd Christensen said. "That's not fair. But we have an offense structured to give him open shots."

With those open shots, Lyday has fueled a turnaround that makes the Cougars -- suddenly the team to watch in the Mountain West Conference at 1-0 in the league and 12-2 overall -- worthy of a spot in "Ripley's Believe It or Not."

> ***"Before I was looking to pass. Now I'm looking to score."***
>
> *--Terrell Lyday, BYU shooting guard*

Not that Lyday, who transferred from Fresno City College, would remember anything of BYU's basketball blues.

"I didn't know anything about BYU," Lyday said.

"I knew Shawn Bradley went here, and Danny Ainge and Steve Young. I didn't know anything else. I didn't even know that they went 1-25," he said.

Recruited by several Division I schools, the six-foot-three shooting guard landed at BYU for one reason -- coach Steve Cleveland.

"Cleveland's a pretty cool guy," Lyday said. "My mom liked him. I sat down and talked to my mom, and we all made the decision that this was the best for me."

It was Cleveland, after all, who followed Lyday from the beginning.

"I've watched Terrell p entire high school career Cleveland, who was then c Fresno City College. " assumed I would be at the c nity college for the next 10 Then, all of a sudden, I was position (at BYU), on my Utah."

And Lyday, he knew, cou come with him. He did no the grades to qualify for Div But he stayed in touch, and Lyday had finished at FCC, land came calling -- with a need in mind -- replace Bigelow and his 15-point av

"We needed someone to c and take some of the load had left," Cleveland said. "(has done that and probably bit more."

And that is no secret at all.

Men's doubles improve Y's ranking

By BRANDON ZINN
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ne BYU men's tennis team is start- its season with enthusiasm and itement because one of its doubles s, Damien Ward and Gert Vilms, n the Milwaukee Tennis Classic weekend.

ne win pushed BYU up from No. n the national rankings to No. 47.

ney also have two doubles teams in top 25 for the first time since ch Jim Osborne took over 11 years

owever, one downside to this ginning is the injury to Jeff rbach. He is suffering from an overdeveloped muscle that is crushing his vein in between the muscle and his rib cage. Harbach is out for the rest of the season.

Harbach underwent surgery to remove a rib and re-open the vein. The doctors were able to remove the rib, but not re-open the vein.

He will undergo surgery again at a later date.

Despite Harbach's absence, Osborne is still optimistic about the team's depth.

"The players feed off each and sometimes practice harder than they play because of their competitiveness," Osborne said.

Ward, a senior from Australia, is ranked No. 73 in the nation out of roughly 2,000 other players.

"The key thing is that this year everyone's goal is to go pro, as opposed to last year players who just used tennis to get through school," Ward said.

The doubles match is the first to start the tournament. Osborne said he expects to start every tournament with a win from the strong doubles teams.

Ward said he would like BYU's doubles to be ranked in the top five by the end of the year.

New Mexico will be BYU's biggest obstacle in its quest to obtain the top slot in the Mountain West Conference.

The Lobos are ranked No. 31 in the nation and are the only team in the MWC ranked higher than BYU.

ormer Coug Vestbrook oes to UM

Associated Press

ISSOULA, Mont. -- Former U receiver Michael Westbrook confirmed that he will enroll in sses at the University of Mona this semester and has made a bal commitment to join the foot- team.

lasses start Jan. 24. National ning day is Feb. 2.

he six-foot, 180-pound West-ok -- a cousin of Washington dskins receiver Michael West-ok -- will have two years of eli-ility remaining.

e played 12 games as a fresh-n at BYU and caught just one s for 12 yards.

e left five games into the 1999 npaign.

t was a combination of a lot of ngs," Westbrook told the Mis-lian on Tuesday. "I wasn't really nfortable. I didn't see myself vn there for three or four more rs. I couldn't grow mentally, or sically, so I thought it was best leave."

estbrook played with UM quar-back Drew Miller -- another U transfer to Montana -- at es High School in Lakewood, sh.

iller and his father played a role convincing Westbrook to give Grizzlies a try.

talked to them quite a bit," stbrook said. "They weren't try- to pressure me or anything. y told me what was there and t Montana might be a place I nted to look at."

estbrook made an unofficial t to Montana in late October, l made his official visit last k.

got to meet the new coaches they seemed pretty nice," West-ok said. "It seems like they are ng to keep things the same. I l we have a chance to win a mpionship."

ontana lost receivers Jeremy kins and Travis Walker to grad-ion, but returns with seniors my Farris and Tanner Hancock, junior Etu Molden, who saw nsive playing time in a backup

e fourth starting spot is up for s.

he coaches didn't promise me thing," Westbrook said. "And 's what I like. I want to come in , work hard, and show what I'm able of doing."

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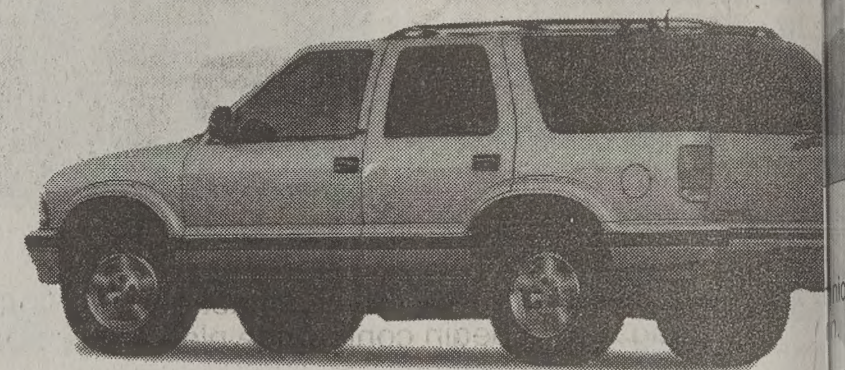

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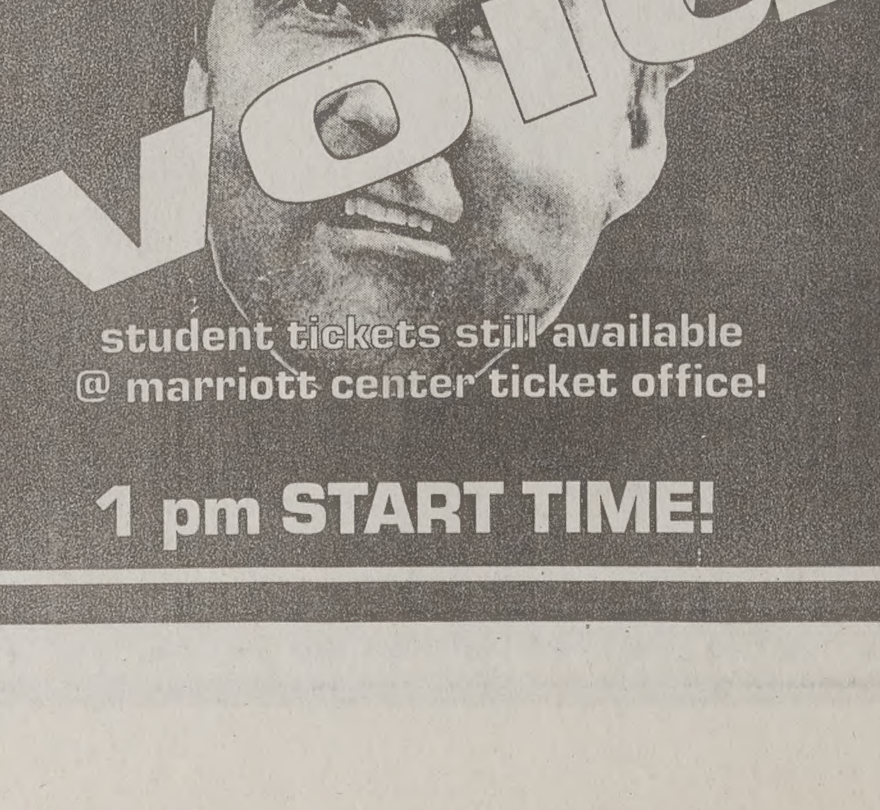

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ior guard Renae Hansen dribbles past a Utah player last sea- . The Cougars will begin conference play against UNLV today.

Cougars face Rebels in conference opener

By ANNA HAYNIE
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The BYU women's basketball team opens up Mountain West Conference play for the season when it goes up against UNLV's Rebels Thursday night at the Thomas and Mack Center.

The Cougars start conference play with a 10-3 record, compared to UNLV's 8-5.

The Rebels main threat is their sophomore forward, Linda Frolich, who was named Mountain West Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week last week for the second time this season.

Frolich is sixth in the country in scoring with 22.9 points per game, and fourth in the country in rebounds averaging 12.1 per game.

BYU has their own Mountain West Conference Player of the Week, freshman guard, Erin Thorn, who was also voted the pre-season Freshman of the Year by the Women's Basketball Writer's association.

Thorn contributes to the Cougars' balanced scoring team, averaging 12.7 points per game. Seniors Jill Adams and Cady Williams have both scored in double figures in 10 of this season's 13 games.

"We had a great pre-season, which gave us a good boost going into conference," senior guard Renae Hansen said. "We've beat some good teams, but we can't overlook anyone."

Coach Trent Shippen shared those same feelings.

"It'd be great to start off with two wins," he said. "Our objective is to just take it one game at a time. We don't want to overlook any opponent."

It is important to gain some recognition for the conference early, Shippen said. Since the Mountain West is a new conference, it does not have the respect nationally that other conferences do. If the Cougars can start off their conference play strong, then they will be able to gain recognition with the NCAA, Shippen said.

Thorn said the Cougars are excited to get on the road for their first conference game.

"I like playing at home, but on the road is fun, it's a bigger challenge," Thorn said.

Shippen said it is important to stop UNLV's transition game, and make it a half-court game. He said the Rebels have been scoring a lot, so it's important to keep them off-balance.

"If we play our game, we should be able to be there in the end," he said.

Although UNLV leads the MWC in scoring, total rebounding, steals and offensive and defensive rebounds, the Cougars boast their own accomplishments. They have done well defensively up to this point, holding their opponents to 60 points per game.

Cougars are first in the league in three point percentages and fourth in scoring, averaging 68.3 points per game.

harlotte's Phills dies in car crash

Associated Press

RLOTTE, N.C. -- Charlotte ts guard Bobby Phills was ng in his Porsche after prac- ednesday when he lost con- rashed into a car and died ly.

ned teammates and Hornets ls gathered at the accident less than a mile from the tte Coliseum, where minutes Phills and the other players en practicing for Wednesday s game with the Chicago The game was postponed.

ls, 30, was traveling at a high rate of speed" when he d with a car headed toward liseum, police spokesman Bridges said. A minivan rear- the other car. Two people in ehicles were hospitalized.

nesses said teammate David , the Hornets' starting point also may have been driving t in his own Porsche, accord- police. Wesley's car was not ed in the accident, and he estioned at the scene.

dges said it will be at least l days before investigators truct what happened.

lls lost control on a hilly where the posted speed was h, said Capt. L.E. Blyden- the crash investigator. "The narks indicate he was not in a straight line," he said.

ls' car, with the vanity plate MN," left skid marks several d feet long and came to rest e of the opposite lanes, s said. Firefighters had to cut ly from the wreckage.

d in stable condition at Pres- an Hospital were Robert rd Jr., 31, of Cornelius, the of the other car; and Yao bon, 33, of Charlotte, who iving a minivan taxi, Bridges

s is the ultimate tragedy, and mediate thoughts and prayers h his wife, Kendall, children mily," Hornets owner George Shinn said in a statement. "Not only was Bobby a tremendous person, but a great husband, father and role model that everyone respected and admired. He was someone that you would want your children to be like."

Phills, a 6-foot-5-inch defensive stopper and a team leader, started often at shooting guard or small forward for the Hornets, and sometimes played reserve.

He joined the Hornets in 1997 after six years with Cleveland and was in the third year of a seven-year, $33 million contract. Phills averaged a career 10.9 points, 3.2 rebounds and 2.7 assists a game at the end of last season. He was fourth on the team in scoring this season.

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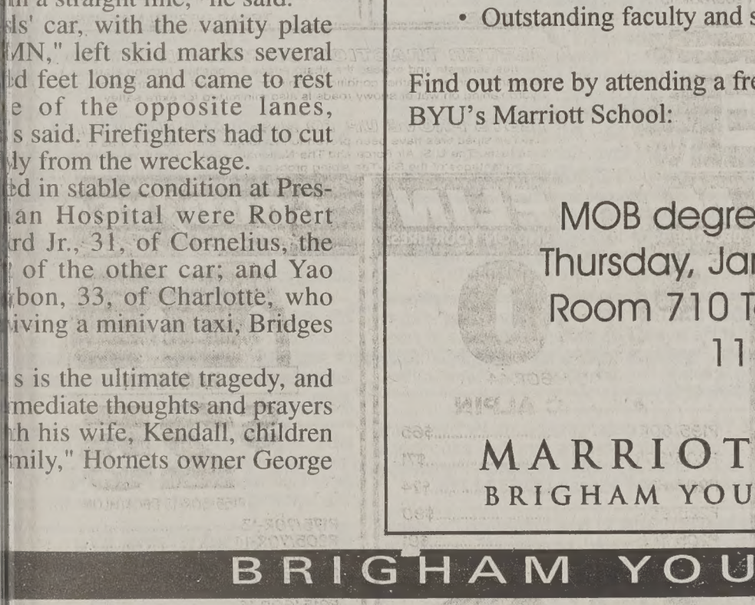

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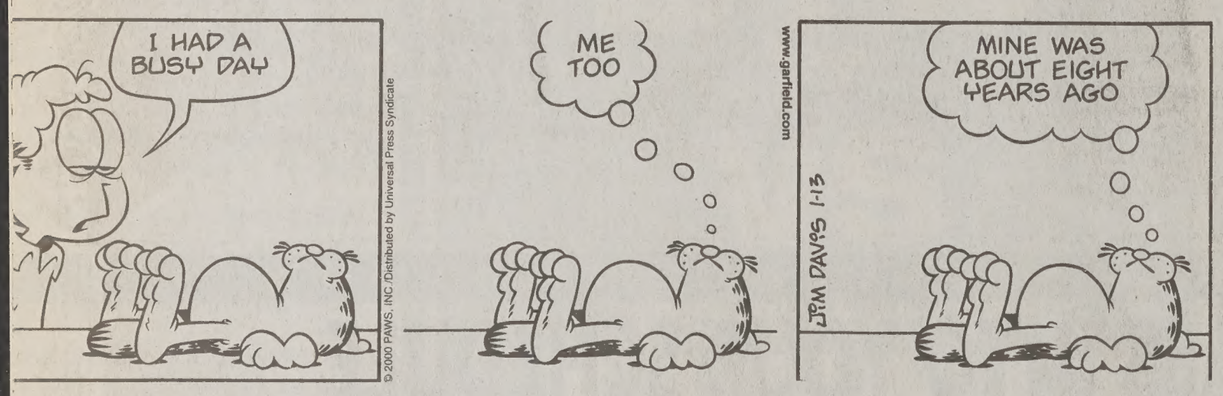
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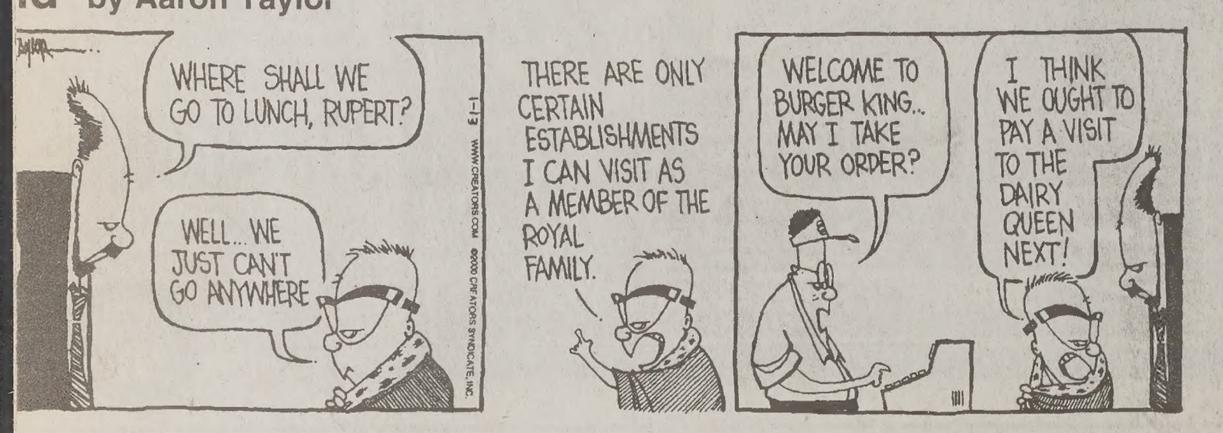
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Climbers hope to expand sport in Provo with gym

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Local rock climbing enthusiasts are preparing to bring world-class climbing to Provo.

The Rock Garden in downtown Provo recently relinquished the reigns of ownership. Previous owners Jeremy Brown and Keith Payne sold the facility to Josh Miller, Jeff Pedersen and Nathan Maughan.

However, that is only the tip of the limestone. The three entrepreneurs are spearheading a project to develop and construct another indoor climbing gym in Provo. The new building will be called The Quarry.

"It will be a state-of-the-art climbing gym, all textured to look and feel like the outdoors," Pedersen said.

The Wasatch Front has long challenged climbers and thrill-seekers with peaks and ferocious walls that only few have conquered. In recent years, this test of courage and skill has lured many to Utah, creating a subculture of outdoor enthusiasts.

The new gym will literally dwarf the Rock Garden in size. Approximately 12,000 square feet to the 4,000 of the Garden, is scheduled to be available to "gaston," "heel-hook," and "pinch" to your heart's content.

The Quarry will provide a bouldering area on the second floor that is more than half the entire size of the Rock Garden.

Other features include a repelling platform, top roping routes, lead climbing sections and a wall specifically designed for crack climbing.

"They will be straight uniform size cracks that allow climbers to get a good handle on outside rock," Pedersen said.

Representing and creating a likeness of the outdoors is a big push for those involved in the development.

This will ultimately allow patrons to use experiences and skills learned indoors, and apply them outdoors.

Miller, the backbone of the venture, looks forward to future events associated with the new gym.

"We hope to provide a location for X-games, World Cup and national competition," Miller said.

Land grant means new theater for Lehi area

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The Wasatch Front will soon have a performing arts center thanks to the Lehi Arts Council and a land donation from Thanksgiving Point.

The Lehi Arts Council originally planned to build the $15 million center between the Lehi and American Fork exits on I-15. When Alan and Karen Ashton, the founders of Thanksgiving Point, heard about the new center, they offered to donate over four acres of land from the site.

"It's such a great fit with Thanksgiving Point," said D. Clive Winn, President of the Thanksgiving Point Institute.

The 155,000-square-foot performing arts center, which should be finished by the summer of 2001, will have one large theater and several smaller theaters. The large theater will seat up to 2,100 people. In comparison, the de Jong Concert Hall in the HFAC seats about 1,400 people.

Anonymous donors have already pledged $6 million to build the performing arts center. Ray Carter, the development director for the Lehi Arts Council, said he hopes residents along the Wasatch Front will support the performing arts center.

"We are encouraging you to support the arts, not necessarily monetarily," Carter told American Fork City Council in its Tuesday meeting.

"I am delighted that Lehi wants us to participate," American Fork councilwoman Juel Belmont said.

Carter said local participation in the arts is very low. He hopes the performing arts center will change that.

"We will be bringing in Broadway plays," said Carter. "We will look at plays that involve youth and children."

Carter said the performing arts center would provide a closer venue for BYU students who want to see Broadway plays.

Work on the performing arts center will begin when the rest of the $15 million is raised.

Police to run meeting for watch program

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Provo Police will conduct an end-of–the-year quarterly meeting concerning a newly implemented community mobile watch tonight at 7 at Grandview Elementary School.

Students are invited to attend the meeting. Provo Police will discuss successes and needed improvements of a mobile watch created by the Provo Police one year ago.

"In a mobile watch, we supply cell phones to residents in the neighborhood and they look for suspicious activities on their own," said Officer Cliff Argyle of the Provo Police.

According to Officer John Christoffersen, BYU has the most vehicle burglaries of all of the neighborhoods in Provo.

"Coming back from Christmas, students have a lot of new stuff displayed in their cars," Christoffersen said. "Thieves just lift up the lock and take whatever they want."

"I would love to see the studen... body start doing a mobile watch f... the areas they are in," Christofferse... said.

"The problem is that students don... feel like they are part of the commu...nity. They are here on a transien... basis only," Christoffersen said.

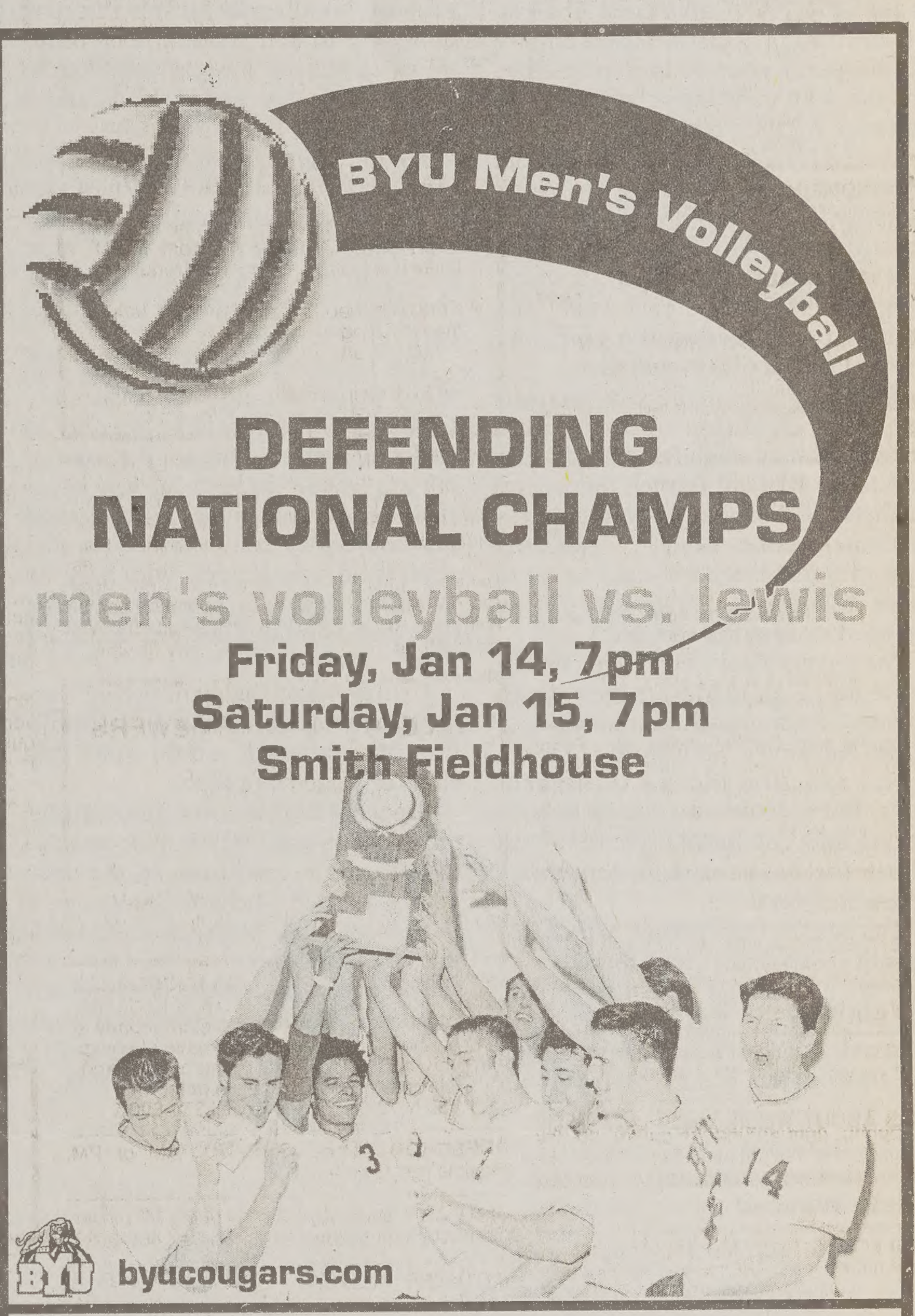
The Provo community is divide... into 83 areas with only one neighbor...hood actively doing a mobile watch.

"Volunteers need about 20 hours o... training to see the nuts and bolts o... how the police operate," Christof...fersen said.

"People love it. They are taught firs... aid and self-defense, and are taugh... how to look for problems," he said.

When patrolling the neighborhood... mobile watchers receive statistics o... high crime areas and look for suspi...cious activity. Mobile watchers cal... the officers when they see a problem... Christoffersen said.

"Statistically, there has been a 5... percent reduction in crime since w... started the mobile watch last year," Christoffersen said



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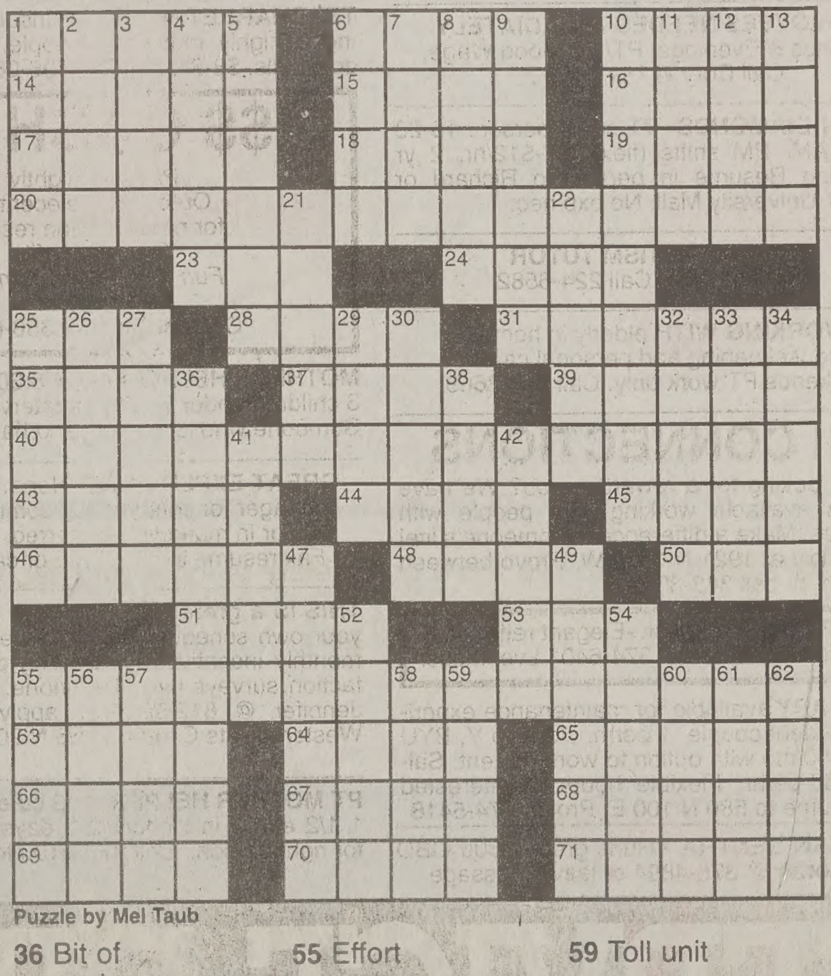

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Trench coat man bears all at salon

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Patrons of the Perfect Tan Tanning alon undress in private booths efore tanning, but recently a trench oat flasher has moved nudity to the ont desk.

The same man, in the same gray ench coat, exposed himself twice, ound 8:30 a.m., first Tuesday, then Vednesday.

"I was so scared it wasn't funny. It was gross. You know he planned it because he came so early in the morning, and he came twice," said Kellie McHenry, an employee of the salon at 826 E. 800 North in Orem.

The man came in asking about prices then asked to use the bathroom, McHenry said.

"I was filing papers and didn't hear him come out. I don't know how long he was standing there. I wasn't going to sit there and watch, and I wasn't going to chase him," she said.

The next day, the man asked a different employee to see the tanning beds.

Once again, he exposed himself and ran.

The suspect was described as being a white male, 6-foot-2, in his mid-20s, with blonde hair.

Lt. Ned Jackson of Orem Police said flashing is a seasonal crime, not common in the winter.

"It happens more in the summer to joggers running up the canyon. In an isolated area it is harder to get caught flashing," Jackson said.

Orem locals are not pleased.

"I just personally think that's a pretty sad way to get a girl's attention," said Matthew Baker, a freshman from Orem, majoring in chemical engineering.

Nudity crimes are a Class B Misdemeanor. The maximum sentence is six months in jail and a $1,000 fine, Jackson said.

Microsoft 3-way split desired by government

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government awyers in the Microsoft antitrust ase want to break the software giant nto three parts, arguing that lesser anctions would be inadequate, peo-le close to the discussions confirmed Vednesday.

If U.S. District Thomas Penfield ackson were to agree to such a dra-natic solution, a mandated breakup f Bill Gates' Seattle-based empire vould carry enormous implications or the way consumers buy and use oftware for their computers.

Justice Department lawyers laid out heir proposal favoring to break Microsoft into three parts during a ecret meeting last week in Washing-on with representatives of 19 states, eople close to the case said. The tates are also suing the company ver alleged antitrust violations.

Those close to the discussions poke on condition of anonymity, oncerned they might anger U.S. Cir-uit Judge Richard Posner, the federal nediator in Chicago holding ongoing ettlement talks. But t' ndicated ittle progress has been ade so far in hose discussions, as the sides remain ar apart on important issues.

The government's endorsement of a reakup — considered the "death enalty" among possible remedies — ould encourage Microsoft to seek a esser sanction during settlement alks. But it could also stymie negoti-tions and encourage Microsoft to attle the case through America's ourts for years.

The Justice Department, which last month disclosed it had hired as its adviser a financial consulting firm, Greenhill & Co. LLC of New York, elieves that lesser sanctions — such as prohibiting the company from abusing its influence or publishing its wholesale prices — would be inadequate to reign in Microsoft.

The Justice Department declined to publicly discuss its plans.

It was not immediately clear exactly how the government envisions the restructuring of one of America's most successful companies, with $19.7 billion in sales this year alone. But one source said lawyers will not propose dividing Microsoft into one company to sell its dominant Windows operating system, another to sell its software applications and a third to sell its Internet content.

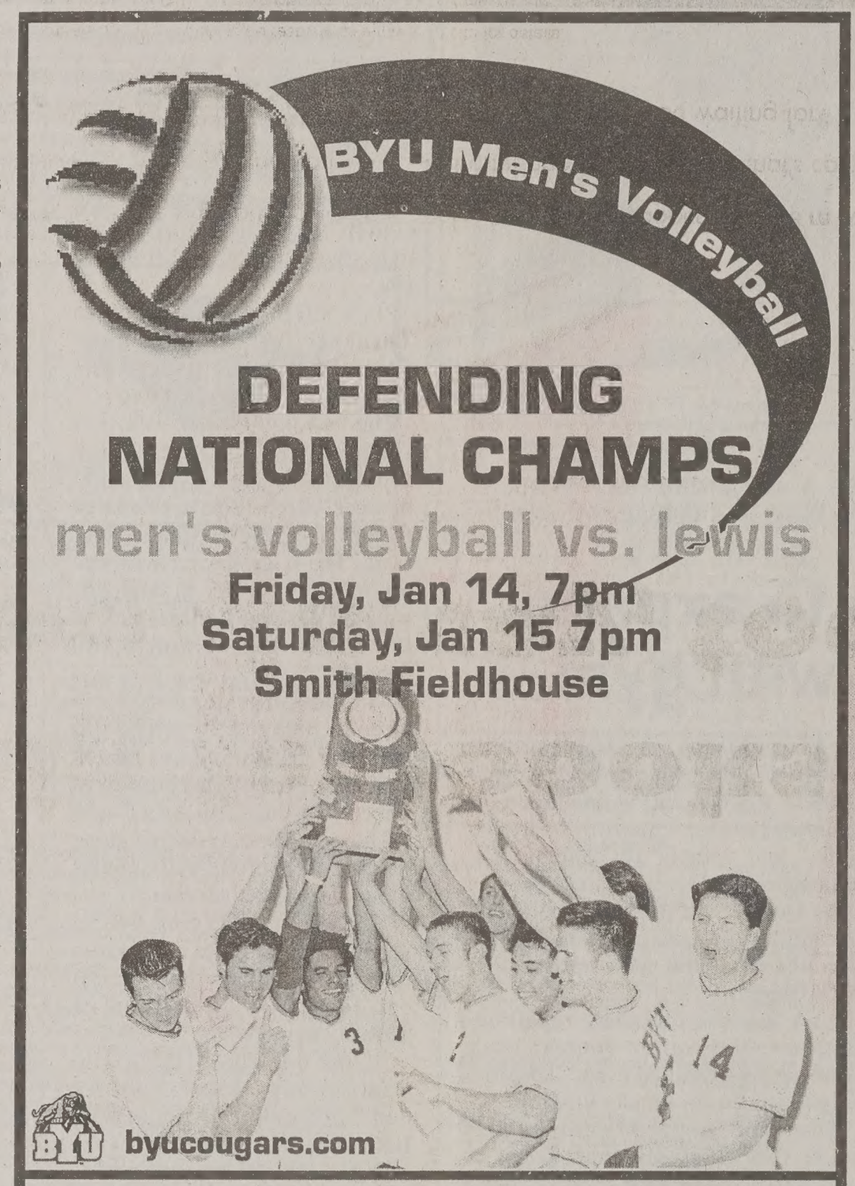
Another breakup option that had been under consideration was dividing Microsoft into smaller duplicate companies, dubbed "Baby Bills" after the company's famous billionaire chairman, that would be set against each other to compete.

The 19 state attorneys general, who hired their own advisers separately from Justice, are deciding whether to endorse Justice's breakup proposal but are leaning in favor of it, sources said. At least one state has cautioned that a breakup could be unduly disruptive to consumers, who rely on Windows as a de facto standard to run their software applications and their PCs.

Critics warn that competing versions of Windows could lead to software that does not run on some versions or some computers.

Breaking up Microsoft into smaller companies would be "stupid, because it just creates confusion in the marketplace," said Michael Cusumano, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The government expects to formally present the breakup plan next week when it meets privately again in Chicago with Posner, the mediator.



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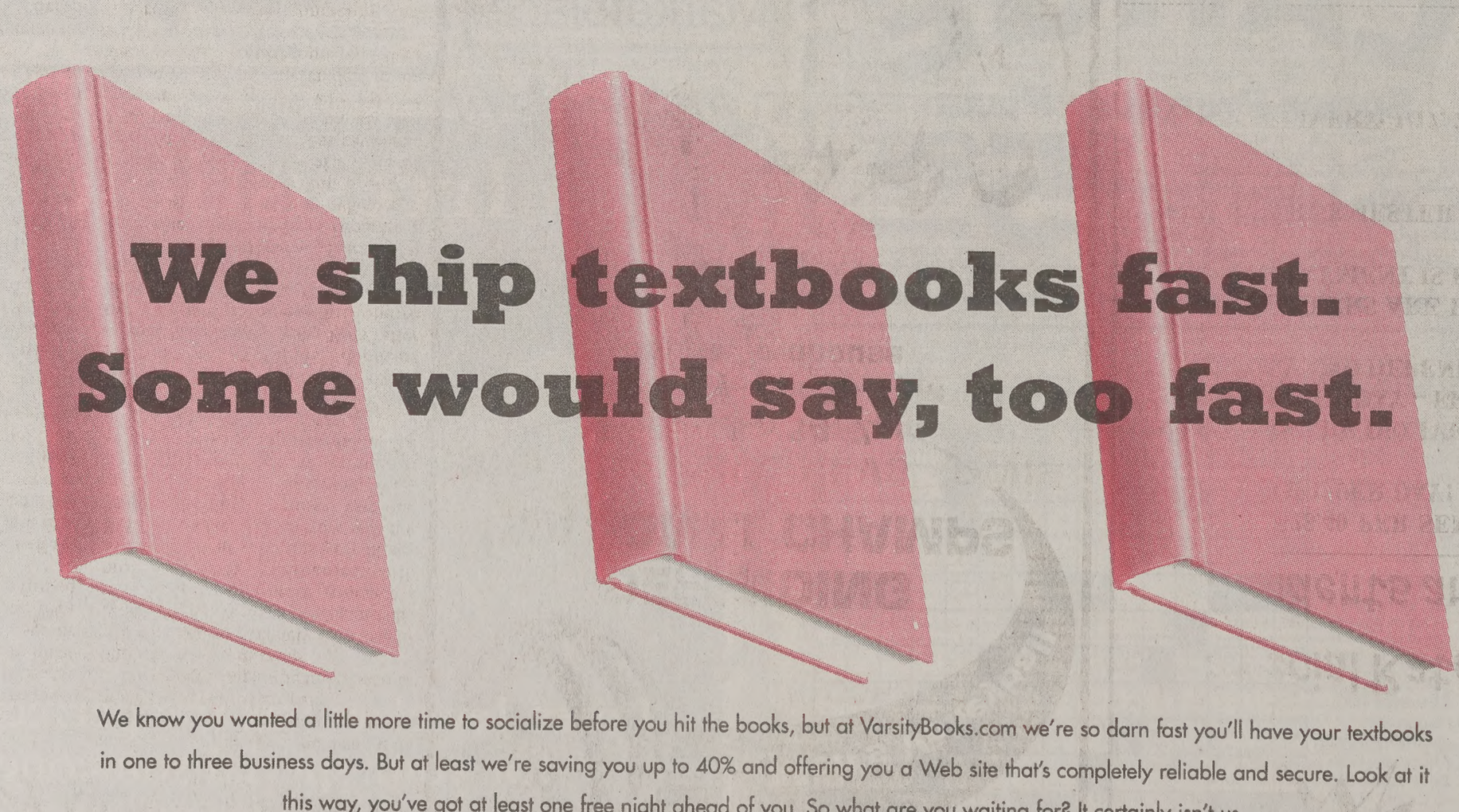
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